

then took it to Park City where he sold it and bought goods to sell in his store.

Other industry has included a separate telephone company, water-works and a power company.

The telephone company was organized January 27, 1905 as a co-operative venture with Daniel. The line was brought from Heber City by way of Daniels Creek. Men from both communities went into the canyons to cut and haul red pine poles to build the five miles of telephone line necessary. Each family desiring service agreed to buy his own telephone, do the necessary installation work and pay an equal share of the cash outlay for wire and insulators. It was also agreed that each family would pay 75 cents per month for service.

By 1912 the Center and Daniel Telephone Company was ready for corporate organization and the articles of incorporation were signed January 15, 1912.

Repair work was done by the subscribers themselves; which often proved a task. When the circuit was broken, someone would volunteer to find the trouble, often having to wade through mud or water or snow in the winter, and then often not being able to locate the trouble spot immediately.

As more telephones were added the two communities formed their own separate companies in 1932. Finally in 1960 and 1961 the companies were merged in the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company.

The community water works was formed in 1915 with the source of supply a spring about three miles into Center Creek Canyon. A trench to bring the water into the community was dug with only hand labor. Because the community was not incorporated, it was not able to borrow funds to buy materials to complete the water line. So three individuals,



Albert Giles makes the last telephone call from his home in Center Creek on the old party line before the telephone system was changed to modern equipment in 1961.